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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: BOAT "CHOU-LONG"

REF: JAKARTA 11064

1. EMBASSY INFORMED BY ITALIAN EMBASSY THAT DELEGATION OF INDONESIAN OFFICIALS TRAVELING TO NATUNA ISLAND TODAY (SEE REFTTEL) ARE LOCAL AUTHORITIES FROM TANJUNG PINANG WHO INTEND TO ORDER THE BOAT "CHOU-LONG" TO PUT OUT TO SEA WITHIN 48 HOURS ON AN EASTWARD COURSE. THE ONLY LIKELY LANDFALL WOULD THEN BE EAST MALAYSIA, BRUNEI, OR POSSIBLY THE PHILIPPINES.

2. ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM AGIP THE CHOU-LONG IS NO LONGER SEAWORTHY AND ITS PASSENGERS ARE SUFFERING FROM EXPOSURE. ONE OF THE ELDERLY PASSENGERS AND ONE OF THE CHILDREN HAVE ALREADY BEEN TREATED BY A COMPANY DOCTOR FOR EXPOSURE.

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3. EMBASSY BELIEVE IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF UNHCR TO MAKE
EVERY EFFORT TO INDUCE THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW THESE
REFUGEES TO STAY TEMPORARILY IN INDONESIA ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS.
REQUEST AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR CONTACT UNHCR WITH LATEST
INFORMATION. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE EMBASSY ANY ACTION
DEPARTMENT DEEMS PROPER FOR US TO TAKE IN THIS SITUATION.

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